

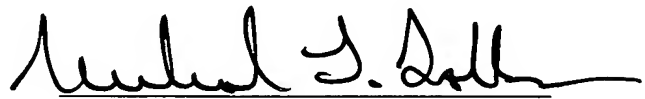
**REMARKS**

The present application is a continuation under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of co-pending U.S. Application Serial No. 10/157,956, filed May 31, 2002. A copy of the partially executed Combined Declaration for Patent Application and Power of Attorney and Decision According Status Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) filed in the parent application is enclosed.

Entry of the foregoing in advance of the initial Office Action is respectfully requested.

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